


IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 20-36.

Amend claim 37 to read as follows:

37. (Amended) A method for protecting the paint finish of a vehicle or for protecting a painted vehicle component against soiling and damage during assembly, transportation or storage, said method comprising applying to said vehicle or vehicle component a self-adhesive protective film, said self-adhesive protective film comprising:

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- a) a backing film; and
  - b) an adhesive composition coated on said backing film, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a copolymer of at least two different  $\alpha$ -olefins having 2 to 12 carbon atoms and at least one further comonomer, said further comonomer being a diene, said adhesive composition not containing 75 mol-% or more of any single  $\alpha$ -olefin, and the copolymer having a Mooney viscosity ML (1+4) 125°C of less than 50.

Please add the following new claims:

40. The method according to claim 37, wherein the diene is present in the adhesive composition in a proportion of between 0.5 and 10% by weight based on the total weight of the adhesive composition.

41. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a UV permeability in the range from 290 to 360 nm of less than 1%.

42. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer has a Mooney viscosity ML (1+4) 125°C of less than 30.

43. The method according to claim 37, wherein the adhesive composition is cross-linked.

44. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer comprises polar comonomers, and the proportion of said polar comonomers in the copolymer is less than 20 mol%.

45. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film comprises at least one light stabilizer.

46. The method according to claim 45, wherein said at least one light stabilizer is selected from the HALS class of light stabilizers.

47. The method according to claim 37, wherein the copolymer comprises no more than 65 mol-% of any single  $\alpha$ -olefin.

48. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a bond strength on steel between 0.3 and 1.5 N/cm.

49. The method according to claim 37, wherein the proportion of each  $\alpha$ -olefin in the copolymer is between 5 and 60 mol-%.

50. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film exhibits a UV permeability in the range from 290 to 400 nm of below 0.1% and the backing thereof comprises one or more light stabilizers in an amount of at least 0.15% by weight.

51. The method according to claim 37, wherein the self-adhesive protective film comprises an adhesion promoter between the backing film and the adhesive composition.

52. The method according to claim 51, wherein the adhesion promoter